

REMARKS

In the previously issued Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 1 through 44, 97 and 98. However, in the currently pending Office Action, the Examiner has withdrawn the previously issued allowance and has rejected claims 1, 14, 15, 20, 27 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). However, the Examiner has objected to claims 2 through 13, 16 through 19, 21 through 26, 28 through 34, 36 through 44, 97 and 98, but indicated allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the withdrawal of the currently pending rejections.

The Section 102(b) Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 14, 15, 20, 27 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Teeuwen et al. Without necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's characterization of the cited reference, the Applicant has amended the independent claims to incorporate the subject matter limitation of some of the objected dependent claims as the Examiner has suggested allowance.

The Applicant respectfully submits to the Examiner that the pending rejections have now been overcome as the Examiner had indicated. Thus, the Applicant also respectfully submits to the Examiner that the pending rejections should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,

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